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Chairman Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$6,000,000 for a community project funding request for the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment. The intended recipient is the University of Idaho in conjunction with ARS Kimberly. The applicant is located at 1350 N 100 W Rupert, Idaho 83350

The University of Idaho (UI) is requesting \$6 million from USDA's ARS Buildings and Facilities account to complete a flexible manure handling and testing system as part of the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) site, a UI-led effort to establish the nation's largest research dairy, consisting of 2,000-cows and 640 acres in Rupert, ID. Previous awards have improved research facilities, the new request would create research ponds for long-term evaluation of pond lining systems, allow testing of products that reduce emissions from ponds, provide critical research enhancements to the base manure handling system through expansion of separation capacity, add a laboratory at CAFE to support soil and emissions research, and provide equipment to transport manure, its byproducts and liquid for agronomic testing.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Simpson" followed by "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress